

Asthma Task Force Meeting
June 2, 2015
7:30am - 9:00am



Welcome, Andrea Jensen

Community Health Worker (CHW) Training Update – Brittany Guerra

- CHW Training Symposium was May 21st
- Carl Rush, nationally recognized CHW expert, came and presented/moderated the meeting
- About 60 people with five organizations using CHWs were in attendance
- The Symposium agenda included:
 - Carl Rush provided an overview of CHWs.
 - The five organizations gave a brief overview of their CHW training, experience, volunteer vs. paid, demographics served, and other information.
 - Participants broke into groups and reviewed the core competencies for CHWs. The competencies were reviewed for their applicability to the CHW training for Utah, whether they are currently included in existing CHW training in Utah, and whether there were any competencies or aspects missing from the list.
 - The group participated in a SWOT analysis of the Utah environment for CHWs.
 - The group split into four groups and discussed next steps surrounding four policy areas:
 1. Occupational Definition and Skills Requirements
 2. Sustainable Financing
 3. Workforce Development
 4. Documentation and Evaluation
- The CHW Advisory Board will continue to meet and build the strategic plan for CHW training in Utah around the 4 policies discussed at the Symposium. They will meet next in late June and the policy work groups will meet afterward.

Discussion:

- Andrea asked how Molina's CHW, or care coordinator, program is going
 - Their care coordination program is in the beginning stages. They are using the CHWs to connect members to resources.
 - Molina's CHWs address all health problems, not just asthma
- Catherine Sparks mentioned the value in partnering with the Board of Nursing to develop statewide medication use agreement. If CHWs are administering medication, this is something for the Health System group to think about putting into place as part of the CHW asthma-specific training.
- The Health System group should also identify asthma-specific resources that would be important for the CHW to know about.
- The CHW symposium was looking at core competencies that are applicable to any disease, the Asthma Task Force will assist with developing an asthma-specific training for CHWs.
 - The ALA Asthma 101 component can be used for asthma CHW training.

Allergy & Asthma Network Conference Update – Andrea Jensen

- Andrea attended the national Allergy & Asthma Network Conference held in May. She provided a summary of the following key things discussed at the conference:
 1. Senate Bill 1065: Advocate Issue Brief: The School Asthma Management Plan Act. This act would establish grants for schools to coordinate responses to asthma-related medical emergencies as well as access to life-saving medication and equipment such as inhalers.
 2. Advocate Issue Brief: CDC's Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program. The CDC funding was cut back significantly for Healthy Homes. Asking for increased funding for these important programs.
 3. Advocate Issue Brief: School-based Electronic Health Record Access. School nurses in Delaware partnered with local physicians to access medical records of some children in order to get a more clear story of what is happening with children and what medication they are on, ER visits, etc. and how that affects children. The program has worked well in Delaware, and now the federal government is looking into it. This advocacy issue brief is just to research and look at other models, a beginning.
 - Question – what about HIPAA and FERPA issues?
 - They worked through those kinks. Work we are doing in Utah and Salt Lake County could benefit from what Delaware has accomplished, the clauses they have used, in order to administratively work through HIPAA and FERPA issues. Andrea will get more information on the project in Delaware and invite them to present at the next Asthma Task Force meeting.
 - In Utah County, the school districts are the Alpine, Provo, and Nebo. In Provo School District, all elementary schools will have a health aid part time position to help track down asthma action plans paperwork and diabetes, coordinate with teachers, etc. this fall. This will allow school nurses more time in middle and high schools. Andrea is going to train them before fall.
 4. Advocate Issue Brief: Telemedicine Expansion in Medicaid. Asking for programmatic funding from CMS for telemedicine program. Also asking that RTs be reimbursed under Medicaid as well as physicians for telemedicine, which would greatly benefit rural areas. Utah Medicaid program is giving grants for Telemedicine equipment and will provided the RFP earlier this spring:
 - https://medicaid.utah.gov/Documents/pdfs/announcement_telehealth.pdf .
 - Project ECHO, a program at the University of Utah, allows rural providers to have Hepatitis C and other chronic condition case consultations with specialists at the University of Utah. <http://healthcare.utah.edu/echo/> The Asthma Task Force may explore the possibility of developing a similar project for asthma case consultations.

Discussion:

- Andrea talked about making 504 plans mandatory for students with asthma in Provo School District.
- Catherine talked about how medications classified as “delegated” can only be administered in the school if a delegated individual has been trained by the school nurse to administer the medication. The delegated individual is then able to administer the medication under the nurse’s license. However, if the medication is classified as an “emergency” medication under board of nursing, anyone in the school can administer the

medication in case of an emergency. Therefore it is important to classify quick-relief asthma medication as an “emergency” rather than “delegated” medication.

- The conference had presentations about asthma, food allergies, climate change, patient-centered collaborate team care, and presentations from the 2015 EPA National Environmental Leadership award winners. Contact Andrea for more details.

Task Force Collaboration – Open Forum

- The ALA is looking for a new building and volunteers to help them move.
- ALA’s upcoming events:
 1. June 13th is the Lung Force Event. It is sponsored by AstraZeneca and Molina. It will be around lung education and health and include information on radon and asthma. The event will have bands, food, and education.
 2. August 19th is the Night with the Stars Gala.
 3. July 13-17th is Camp Wyatt. This is a summer camp for kids with asthma ages 7-14. If you have any clinics, doctor offices, elementary aged children with asthma involvement, please encourage them to come to Camp Wyatt. ALA has brochures and fliers. The camp is a week-long overnight camp in Tooele County with activities and asthma education. It is fully staffed 24 hours a day; all counselors are RT or pharmacy students. Kids get to have normal camp experience. There are camperships available to any student who can’t afford the registration fee of \$200 dollars.
 - The Utah Asthma Program will send out the flier and YouTube video created by Spencer for Camp Wyatt through the listserv.
 - ALA wants at least 100 children, currently have 30 enrolled so plenty of room for advertising.
- Catherine shared that this is her second year doing the school nurse summer institute orientation and review. Asthma is one of topics of chronic disease management, the angle is environmental issues, and Lorill Solomon will show proper use of an inhaler and an asthma plan.

Work Groups: Health Homes – Kellie Baxter

- This project group is developing an asthma home visiting program that will be implemented in Utah County and Salt Lake County. This program will include asthma self-management education and an in-home assessment for asthma triggers. This project group will develop the curriculum and materials to be used during the in-home visits. Contact Kellie Baxter (kabaxter@utah.gov) if you are interested in participating.

Work Groups: Health Systems – Brittany Guerra

- This project group met and discussed the asthma specific CHW training module content, what content areas are missing, what level of detail needed for each area, and next steps for developing the CHW training. The group will conduct a literature review in preparation for the next project group meeting. Contact Brittany Guerra (bguerra@utah.gov) if you are interested in participating.

Announcements

Utah Asthma Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, October 6th
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Events

American Lung Association's Lung Force Walk
Saturday, June 13th
Sugarhouse Park, Salt Lake City

American Lung Association's 25th annual Night with the Stars
August 19th, 6pm – 10pm
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